



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION  
401 CHURCH STREET  
L & C ANNEX 6TH FLOOR  
NASHVILLE TN 37243

April 2, 2012

Mr. Mike Nichols, Owner  
Nichols Farms, Inc.  
P.O. Box 99  
Oakfield, TN 38362

Certified Mail #  
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Subject: **Permit Tracking No. SOPCD0015**  
**Nichols Farms, Inc.**  
**Oakfield, Madison County, Tennessee**

Dear Mr. Nichols:

The Division of Water Pollution Control (division) received your application for a permit to operate a concentrated animal feeding operation (CAFO). The division has information that you own the land at 62 Oakfield Rd., Oakfield, TN 38362 in Madison County, Tennessee and that Newshem Genetics leases the six swine barns at this site. This arrangement does not have the animal waste leaving the property, but rather you get the animal waste from the lagoon and apply it to your adjacent land. Since you do not operate the animal barns, it is apparent that while you do retain some operational control over the animal barns that Newshem Genetics operates the CAFO. Based upon this arrangement, the division requests that Newshem Genetics jointly applies for a CAFO permit with you.

Newshem Genetics has been instructed to submit a CAFO State Operating Permit (SOP) Notice of Intent (NOI) to obtain coverage under the General State Operating Permit for Class II Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO), Permit Number SOPCD0000. You have already submitted an NOI and a nutrient management plan (NMP) which addresses the land application of the waste, so no additional information is needed from you at this time.

If you have questions, please contact the division at the Jackson Environmental Field Office at 1-888-891-TDEC; or, at this office, please contact Ms. Erin O'Brien at (615) 253-2245 or by E-mail at [Erin.O'Brien@tn.gov](mailto:Erin.O'Brien@tn.gov).

Sincerely,

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Manager, Permit Section

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